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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following net claim.

A method for treating or preventing diarrhed mediated by pathogenic fungi comprising a mammal mammal Escherichia coli strai to the administering DSM 6601.

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